



Title: St. Julie

Prayers

Prayer to St Julie Billiard

Saint Julie, through your great devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, you were miraculously cured and favoured by many graces.

By your powerful intercession, obtain for us above all, a great trust in God in all the difficulties of life, the strength to accomplish in all things the adorable will of God, and the special grace we now ardently ask of you.

"We must have courage in the times we live in. Great souls are needed, souls having the interest of God at heart"

St Julie Billiard

O God, our Life and our Love, look upon us with kindness as we celebrate the life of Your servant, Saint Julie. Give us generous loving hearts, and renew within us the desire to proclaim your

Goodness to all the world. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

Reflection:

O God, your daughter Julie was a woman of great courage who challenged the church she loved;

May the church make known your compassion and justice for all.

Julie's heart was filled with a deep love for the poor and needy;

open our eyes and hearts to all those we serve.

For many years, Julie was paralyzed;

give strength to all those who are suffering and physically disabled.

You blessed Julie with a spirit of simplicity and gave her a love for prayer;

free our lives from all the clutter, so that we can have space and time for you.



The life of St. Julie Billiard

When St. Julie Billiard was a young girl in Cuvilly, France, her father was attacked. Thieves robbed him of many materials and fabrics in his small shop. Responding to this family crisis, the enterprising Julie took some of the remaining cloth to a nearby town, where she succeeded in selling them.

The attack on her father traumatized her, however, and perhaps resulted gradually in her physical paralysis. Eventually, she had great difficulty in speaking. Her paralysis lasted for 22 years. In spite of these and other trials, Julie continued to trust in "the good God."

The situation could not have been more dangerous. Julie Billiard was paralyzed, totally dependent on her friends and family.

When Julie and Françoise Blin de Bourdon founded the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur; she was still paralyzed. Sometime later, a priest who was a friend of the community invited her to pray with him a novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. His unspoken intention was Julie's cure. At the end of the novena, the priest commanded her to stand up and walk. She did!

Hail Mary in French

Je vous salue, Marie, pleine de grâce:

Le Seigneur est avec vous;

Vous êtes bénie entre toutes les femmes,

et Jésus, le fruit de vos entrailles, est béni.

Sainte Marie, Mère de Dieu,

Priez pour nous, pauvres pécheurs, maintenant et à l'heure de notre mort.

Amen

All I ask of the good God is that you may love Him with your whole heart. You see, when we love the good God very much we do everything well, very well.

Saint Julie Billiart

Loving God, you call us to be in solidarity with those who suffer injustices at the hands of the powerful. You call us to resist, to offer hope, to celebrate even in the midst of suffering. We pray for all victims of injustice and for those helping in the struggle to bring forth righteousness. We ask that your love and your presence be felt by them, be known to them. Give us the courage to stand with them and advocate to bring change where change is needed, to bring compassion where harshness rules, and to bring peace where war is the norm. Amen.

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Let us take time today to remember and honour the life of St Julie.

May the seeds she planted continue to bear the fruit of love, justice, integrity and hope.

May we keep in our prayers this day, all those who labour to bring greater dignity and justice to the poor of this planet even in the face of grave danger and the possibility of death.

Amen



Blessed are You, Holy Creator,
Source of all that is good,
beautiful and whole.

Where wholeness is splintered
or shattered, goodness
damaged or marred,

and beauty bruised or broken,
we ask for healing and deep
peace.

Be healing balm for this world:
for all people, creatures, places,
events, and for the
environment.

We welcome the touch of your
Healing Love and Gentle
Presence.

We pray in communion with all
the saints in glory, through
Christ our Lord. Amen.

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